



## LENZIE ACADEMY PARENT COUNCIL

The minutes of Lenzie Academy Parent Council held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019

### Present:

Anne Denton	Claire Miller
Fiona Kirkland	Moira Reoch
Sarah Giffen	Siobhan White(Chair)
Gayetri Bhaskar	Councillor Ackland

### In Attendance:

Brian Paterson (Head Teacher)	Miss Byers
Mr McDowell	Mr McKinstry

### Apologies:

Kathryn Clark	Cllrs. Thornton / Renwick
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### **1 Chair's Welcome**

Mrs White opened the meeting and welcomed members to the first Parent Council meeting of session 2019/20.

### **2 Minutes from meeting 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

Some anomalies were found with the dates/facts of the previous minutes therefore it was agreed that the correct set of minutes would be checked with the previous Chair, re-circulated round the PC for consideration of any further points of accuracy and then considered at the next PC meeting in November,

### **3 Membership**

Mrs White informed the PC that former member, Hazel Williamson, wished to resign from the committee and thanks were made for her participation. The committee also welcomed Laura Forrester as a new member to the committee as well as three new staff members who would be in attendance (by rotation) at PCs this session; Mr McDowell, Mr McKinstry, Miss Byers

It was agreed that as the committee could accommodate more members, particularly in terms of more representation from parents/carers from the earlier years of the school, some information would be provided in the next school newsletter to capture the ethos of the PC and explain some of the activities that the PC has been involved with.



Mr Paterson also explained that an advertisement for the role of PC Clerk had been issued therefore future meetings would hopefully have a permanent clerk to undertake PC duties. Future dates of the meetings for session 19/20 were also agreed as;

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020

#### **4 Review of Constitution**

Although this has been discussed at previous meetings, it was decided to take a 'fresh look' at the constitution for the start of the new academic session. Under frequency of meetings, it was agreed to change the requirement to meet from 'eight times during the year to 'up to six times a year'. A copy of the updated constitution will be sent to the school for upload to the website.

#### **5 Chairperson's Report**

The Chair mentioned two forthcoming events that will be useful for the PC. An EDC Parent Council Forum on 19<sup>th</sup> November and a meeting with EDC Estates on 4<sup>th</sup> November. Any issues for discussion arising from these meetings will be brought to the next PC.

#### **6 Head Teacher's Report**

*School Estate* — Mr Paterson outlined some of the on-going issues regarding the school estate and discussed some potential remedies that could be explored to sorting some minor issues. A meeting with EDC staff was planned for the following week along with the Chair and Gary Logue to discuss some of the bigger issues. Positive progress was mentioned on tarmac, horticultural area, new bikes although concerns were still reported on new fencing, guidance base, 4G pitch, remodelling social space and front of building refurbishment.

A question was asked re concerns of impact on the school roll and capacity, regarding the recent EDC consultation exercise on re-zoning catchment areas of two EDC primary schools. It is noted that while the school is not at its maximum in terms of school roll, the situation should be monitored to assess impact on future intakes. The PC has not been asked to respond directly to this consultation but parents/carers can reply directly.

*Staffing* - Mr Paterson gave any update of staffing arrangements covering staff secondments, vacancies and new members of staff.



*Parent Portal*—a new system called IPAY, used for paying for resources online such as lunches, school trips etc., is being piloted at several schools in EDC. Lenzie Academy has been chosen as a pilot school so should begin shortly.

*Strategies for Learning* — Mr Paterson discussed various learning strategies that were being employed within the school to enhance the student experience, one being the project on 'Metacognition Practices'. Mr Paterson also requested that the PC put forward suggestions on topics they would like to see presentations on at future PC meetings.

*Commemoration Event*— this took place on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October and was a chance to for pupils and staff to remember two pupils who sadly passed away last year. A point was raised about the quicker progress re a more formal contemplation area. Benches have recently been donated to the school so this will require some work from pupils to help design commemorative plaques and from EDC re groundworks.

*School events*—a verbal update was given on various school events that had taken place such as a UCAS event, a 'Life after School' event, Maths Challenge, Active Girls Day, CV advice sessions from O2 staff, Assessment period for S5 and NAT had taken place, and a fundraising activity for Macmillan by the retail classed which raised £200.

## **7 EDC Questionnaire**

All PCs in EDC have been asked to complete a questionnaire from the EDC Education Service on 'How good is our service?' by 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019. An electronic version will be sent round the PC using 'Microsoft Forms' to gather the opinion of the PC which can then be sent to EDC. All PC members are asked to complete.

## **8 Lenzie Academy PTA (formerly FOLA 125)**

Mrs Reoch reviewed the recent FOLA activity, and alerted the PC to the next event for the PTA which would be Quiz Night on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 7.30pm in Lenzie Rugby Club.

## **AOCB**

No further actions were discussed, and Mrs White called the meeting to a close.